

Fair tonight. Tuesday, partly cloudy; light to fresh north to northeast winds.

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## PRETORIA CONFERENCE GIVES SMALL HOPE OF PEACE

Boers Unlikely to Accept  
Terms England Might  
Offer.

THE TIME DEEMED UNPROFITABLE

Delarey and DeWet in Mood  
to Continue the  
Fighting.

UNENDING WAR IN PROSPECT

"London Star" Declares Belief That the  
Combatants Have Reached a State of  
Deadlock, and Neither Can Win.

LONDON, May 24.—There prevails here  
a belief that the Pretoria conference will  
not lead to peace.

The "Evening Star" today expresses  
the belief that the outlook for peace in  
South Africa is not hopeful.

The paper says:  
"The truth is the military situation has  
reached something like a deadlock. Our  
grip on the republic is firm and final,  
and the Boers cannot dislodge us."

"On the other hand, the Boers retain  
control of vast stretches of country, and  
we cannot dislodge them without a pro-  
cess of attrition, which might last for  
years."

Official explanations of the reported  
visit and conference on peace terms, of  
Acting President of the Transvaal  
Schalksberger and other Boer leaders with  
Lord Kitchener, are eagerly awaited.

The news of the conference caused con-  
fusions to advance to about 25 per cent  
and mining and other stocks to a similar de-  
gree.

Commenting on the reported Boer over-  
tures, the "Pall Mall Gazette" says:  
"The unexpected has come once more."

The arrival of Schalksberger and others  
at Pretoria seems to signify that the Boer  
Government has had enough. If so, it  
is a question what terms they are likely  
to propose or accept and what authority  
they have to impose submission on them  
upon the commanders in the field."

It asks: "Does the declaration of June  
last, that no peace will be made and  
no peace conditions will be accepted by  
which our independence for national ex-  
istence or the interest of our Colonial  
brothers shall be the price paid stand?"

"Assuming that it does not, what prob-

## MOVEMENT WAS MERELY TO GIVE ENGLAND'S ENEMIES A CLUB

AMSTERDAM, March 24.—As near as can be learned from  
the Boers here, the inner meaning of Acting President Schalks-  
berger's peace movement, inaugurated at Pretoria on March 22,  
is as follows:

Schalksberger has an opportunity to see ex-President Steyn  
and compare notes with him. They are likely to agree to offer  
to quit fighting upon the granting of some kind of limited inde-  
pendence and complete amnesty for the rebels.

The British will probably refuse to accede to these de-  
mands, but the Boer offer has meanwhile given their friends in  
England and abroad something to hammer the British Govern-  
ment with.

This is possibly wrong, but former President Kruger and  
his advisers were never more determined not to surrender.

ability is there that Botha, DeWet, and

Delarey will agree to any abatement?

"It must be confessed that the moment  
is not auspicious for such a change of  
mind. After the recent considerable suc-  
cess of Delarey's, it is hardly likely that  
he will give up the game."

"To our thinking neither Delarey nor  
DeWet, whatever Botha may do, will be  
bound by any terms that Schalksberger  
and his colleagues can possibly obtain  
from the British Government."

The "St. James Gazette" says today:  
"We are in a position to state that the  
War Office has received official confirma-  
tion of the report that Boer envoys have  
visited Pretoria. General Kitchener has  
sent more than the communication of the  
subject."

"Another telegram dealing with the  
subject reached the War Office yesterday,  
and was forwarded immediately to Mr.  
Brodrick, Secretary of State for War,  
who was visiting Eastbourne for the  
week end."

"It is significant that he did not con-  
sider it necessary to alter his plans, and  
that he remained at Eastbourne until this  
morning."

"On his arrival here he did not pro-  
ceed to the War Office, but went first to  
his home, going thence to the War Office  
about noon."

The Exchange Telegraph Company claims  
to have the highest authority for stating  
that Mr. Schalksberger, acting president of  
the Transvaal and commanders Lucas  
Meyer and Krogh came into the British  
lines in accordance with an arrangement  
sanctioned at last Friday's meeting of the  
British Cabinet.

It is understood that although the visit  
is connected with peace overtures they are  
not far advanced.

The present main object of Mr. Schalks-

berger and his party is to confer with

Mr. Steyn and Christian De Wet.

Lord Kitchener, who arranged for the  
safe conduct of the Transvaal party to  
Pretoria and thence to the Orange River  
Colony, has had an interview with Mr.  
Schalksberger, but no important step was  
taken in the direction of peace.

There is, however, an unmistakable im-  
pression in official circles that the negoti-  
ations may have a satisfactory termina-  
tion.

In the House of Commons today the  
Hon. William St. John Brodrick, Secretary  
for War replying to a question by the  
Right Hon. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman,  
the Liberal leader, said that about a  
fortnight ago Acting President Schalks-  
berger intimated to Lord Kitchener a de-  
sire for a safe conduct through the British  
lines.

Schalksberger wished to see ex-Presi-  
dent Steyn of the Orange River Colony  
with reference to a possibility of peace  
proposals.

Lord Kitchener, Brodrick announced,  
accorded to the request with the Govern-  
ment's consent.

Enquiries at the War Office this morn-  
ing elicited the reply from the senior  
official officer:

"I am not in a position to confirm the  
news that Boer leaders have made over-  
tures."

Questioned whether this meant that the  
War Office was absolutely without infor-  
mation on the subject, he stated that the  
reply given above must be his only answer.

PARIS, March 24.—"The Echo" is the  
only morning newspaper which comments  
on the latest South African developments.  
It suggests that the claims of sovereign-  
ty by Great Britain will prevent the con-  
clusion of peace.

## PRESIDENT HEARS VIEWS OF AMERICAN FARMERS

Mr. Hanley Presents a Communication Opposing the Ship  
Subsidy Bill and the Nicaragua Canal.

Mr. J. C. Hanley, president and general  
manager of the Allied National Agricul-  
tural Societies of America, called at the  
White House today by appointment and  
discussed with President Roosevelt the  
questions of ship subsidy and the Ni-  
caragua Canal.

Mr. Hanley, as the official representative  
of the Societies, presented carefully pre-  
pared views on both subjects to the at-  
tention of the President. These views on  
the subsidizing of American ships were  
in part as follows:

"We must build American ships to se-  
cure the foreign trade and hold it. Un-  
der the present conditions, it will be ab-  
solutely impossible to secure this trade,  
when 22 per cent of our commerce is done  
in foreign ships. And we pay these for-  
eigners \$200,000,000 per year to deliver our  
goods. We can easily figure out where  
we will land in this trouble, when we are  
at the mercy of our competitors."

"A ship subsidy bill has passed the  
Senate which promises to restore our  
merchant marine, but which the farmers of  
the country believe will fail in its  
purpose for the following reasons:

"The bill does not compel each ship  
to receive American registry, entitling it  
to compensation."

"The bill will give the ships already

built the enjoyment of the subsidy until  
1920, without any guarantee that one new  
ship will be built or added to our mer-  
chant marine, and thus endanger the ex-  
porting of \$100,000,000 within the next  
twenty years, without restoring our com-  
merce to the seas."

"The bill fails to divide the \$5,000,000  
per annum between the Atlantic and Pa-  
cific in proportion to the trade, and under  
present conditions nearly the entire  
amount will be absorbed by the Atlantic  
for trade already ours, robbing the Pa-  
cific of its opportunity to develop and  
secure the trade of the Orient."

The document contained several other  
arguments of a similar nature.

A great many arguments were also sum-  
moned against the construction of the  
Nicaragua Canal, the farmers claiming  
that it would prove detrimental to their  
interests.

President Roosevelt discussed the mat-  
ter in an informal manner with Mr. Han-  
ley. He expressed himself as being in  
accord with the views of Mr. Hanley re-  
garding the ship subsidy bill, but stated  
that he would have to make inquiries into  
the canal matter, as the views presented  
were different from anything that had yet  
been brought to his attention.

## FOUR MEN KILLED IN WRECK IN OHIO

Freight Trains Collide in Fog  
Near Youngstown.

DISASTER BLOCKS THE ROAD

Of the Dead Three Are Still in Debris  
Rescuers Being Unable to Extricate

Bodies—Confusion of Orders Respon-  
sible for the Accident.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, March 24.—Two  
Pennsylvania freight trains collided while  
going at full speed, last here at 7:10  
o'clock this morning, and four men were  
killed and three injured. The dead are:  
NORMAN GRAHAM, 39, fireman, body still  
in the wreck.

JAMES THOMAS, 38, brakeman, body still  
in the wreck.

CHARLES M. BLACKBURN, target ten-  
der, body in the wreck.

Unknown brakeman.

The injured:  
Carl Bishop, brakeman; George Weather,  
engineer; Frank Brown, engineer.

Of the killed, three bodies, those of  
Blackburn, Graham and Thomas are still  
in the ruins. They are buried under a  
mass of rubbish. It will take several  
hours to get them out. The searchers are  
able to see the two hands of Blackburn  
sticking out of the rubbish, but are un-  
able to rescue his body.

Both firemen are buried under a mass of  
debris and their bodies are ground to  
pieces.

The unknown brakeman is horribly  
mangled and no one has been able to iden-  
tify him.

Both engineers claimed that they re-  
ceived orders for the single track. Train  
274 eastbound, received the white block  
at Mosler, and No. 273 received orders at  
Lawrence Junction.

It was an exceptionally foggy morning,  
and neither engineer saw the other train  
till they struck.

Twenty-five steel cars loaded with  
ore crashed into a long line of wooden  
cars loaded with coke.

The debris was piled upon all the tracks,  
effectively blocking the road. Engineer  
Weather had a remarkable escape from death.

When the collision occurred he shot out  
through the window like a cannon ball.  
He is twenty-five feet away and es-  
caped injury.

## POLICE CAN FIND NO TRACE OF DR. BLINN

Wanted in Connection With  
Death of Young Woman.

Disappeared When Parents of Dead Girl  
Came to His New York Office and  
Has Not Been Seen Since.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Dr. F. Gray  
Blinn, of 163 West Forty-seventh Street,  
in whose home Miss Mary C. Norris, of  
New Preston, Conn., died under suspicious  
circumstances on Saturday, is still miss-  
ing, and the police have been unable to  
find any trace of him.

The autopsy performed upon the body  
of the young woman by the physician of  
Coroner Goldenkrantz, at the morgue,  
showed that her death had been caused  
by an operation.

When the parents of Miss Norris vis-  
ited the handsome private residence  
where Dr. Blinn lived, they found their  
daughter lying dead on the floor. She  
had been dead at least seven hours.

Though Dr. Blinn quietly left the house  
while Mr. and Mrs. Norris were there,  
he failed to take with him a blank death  
certificate, which another physician says  
he refused to fill out at Dr. Blinn's re-  
quest.

Dr. Blinn has been in similar difficulties  
with the police and the district attorney's  
office.

He was charged in 1903 with being  
concerned in the death of Miss Alice  
Whitney, and at one time the County  
Medical Society accused him of practicing  
medicine under various aliases.

## LAST RITES OVER DR. W. W. JOHNSTON

Funeral Services at St. Thom-  
as Episcopal Church.

INTERMENT MADE AT OAK HILL

Distinguished Jurists, Physicians, and  
Other Professional Men Paying Tribute by  
Oral Pallbearers—G. Pinwall.

The remains of Dr. William Waring  
Johnston, the eminent failure early Satur-  
day morning at his home in the city, were laid  
to rest in Oak Hill cemetery this afternoon.

Funeral services were held in St.  
Thomas Episcopal church at 3 o'clock.

The Rev. J. A. Aspinwall, rector of the church,  
officiated. His remarks formed a tribute  
to the simple and beautiful life of the de-  
ceased.

The honorary pallbearers were Chief  
Justice Fuller, Dr. A. F. King, Dr. H. D.  
Fry, Dr. J. Ford Thompson, Hon. Bancroft  
Davis, Mr. William A. Maury, Mr. A. P.  
Gordon-Commis, Hon. Francis G. New-  
lands, Gen. George M. Sternberg, Dr. Wm.  
Osler, Mr. C. C. Glover, Mr. J. Hovey  
Ashton, Hon. R. R. Hitt, Governor John  
Carroll, Mr. J. J. Darlington and Judge  
Walter Cox.

Dr. Johnston was taken ill two weeks  
ago, but improved to such an extent that  
he was able to go to Atlantic City the  
early part of last week. He was suddenly  
taken very ill again on Thursday night  
with angina pectoris, a disease of the  
heart, and his son, Dr. William B. John-  
ston, of Johns Hopkins University, was  
sent for. Dr. Johnston's wife and daughter,  
Mrs. Rensselaer, were with him at At-  
lantic City.

On Friday Dr. Johnston sank rapidly,  
and his death occurred shortly after 2  
o'clock Saturday morning.

PARK AVENUE WANTS  
SUBWAY EXAMINED

Recent Shakedown Moves  
Residents to Action.

Will Try to Learn Exactly What Is Li-  
able to Happen Along the Street  
Next.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Some of the  
residents in Park Avenue today decided  
to take measures to prevent further dan-  
ger to property and possible loss of life  
as a result of the rapid transit work.

Frederick W. Devoe, whose residence  
at 59 Park Avenue was wrecked by the  
collapse of the subway on Friday, called  
for a meeting to be held tomorrow evening  
at the Hotel Manhattan.

It is said that an attempt will be made  
to have the rapid transit commission stop  
the work on the tunnel along Park Ave-  
nue so that engineers may inspect the ex-  
cavation and pass upon its actual condi-  
tion.

According to present plans, a petition  
will be forwarded to Mayor Low, urging  
him to take some action in the matter.

If it develops that the mayor is unable  
to aid the Park Avenue residents they de-  
clare that they will take the matter to  
the courts.

## DR. TALMAGE IMPROVED.

Reports of Critical Nature of His Illness  
Denied.

The family of Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Tal-  
mage deny the report that the doctor is  
dangerously ill, and that his recovery is  
despaired of.

Dr. Talmage contracted a severe cold  
while in Mexico and decided to return  
to Washington. The trip was a long and  
tiresome one, the result being that the  
doctor was forced to take to his bed.

His condition today is greatly improved  
and his son made the statement that at  
no time has his father's illness been  
alarming.

## FOUR DISTRICT BILLS GO THROUGH HOUSE

No Delay for  
Local Measures.

The House this afternoon  
passed, after brief explana-  
tions of their purport, four im-  
portant District bills. One ex-  
tended the time in which the  
East Washington Heights  
Railway line must be complet-  
ed, another affected what is  
known as the Dix quitclaim;  
still another advanced the sal-  
ary of the jail warden, while  
the fourth provided for the de-  
livery to an anatomical board  
of the bodies of indigent dead  
in the District.

Local Measures Passed  
Without Serious  
Opposition.

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COMPROMISE OF INSPECTOR

He Offers a Schedule Which Provides a  
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cording to the Length of the Ride and  
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The special committee appointed by  
the District Commissioners to revise the  
hack regulations, consisting of Messrs.  
Francis Nye and Daniel Curry, today  
submitted their report, in which the  
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W. E. Thomas, a representative of the  
Hackmen's Association.

The committee say that they have care-  
fully considered the proposed schedule  
of rates and that in their opinion the  
adoption of the same is not advisable at  
the present time. They say that the pro-  
posed schedule abolishes the 25-cent rate  
altogether, the minimum rate suggested  
being 50 cents for one or two passengers  
for a half hour or less. The committee  
say that the most steady patrons of the  
hack service outside of the regular depot  
service, are Congressmen, public officials,  
and journalists.

Some Objections Stated.

They travel singly, on short trips and  
generally in a hurry, and the committee  
believes that the proposed rates would  
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five squares additional or part thereof, 10  
cents. Under all other circumstances,  
charges shall be made as follows: One or  
two passengers, half hour or less, 50  
cents; three or four passengers, half  
hour or less, 75 cents; each additional  
quarter hour or less, one or more pas-  
sengers, 25 cents.

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Private Water Main May Be Connected  
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Mr. H. W. Coffin, recently requested  
permission of the District Commissioners  
to repair a private water main supplying  
four houses on Fifteenth Street north-  
west, between Erie and Huron Streets.

It appears that the pipe broke and burst,  
and that the street is not yet graded,  
and Mr. Coffin asks for permission to re-  
pair the pipe agreeing to connect with the  
public main when the street is improved.

Capt. Chester Harding, Assistant to the  
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Fatally Shot by Highwaymen.

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## BASEBALL FANS THINK SURPRISES ARE COMING

The Non-Arrival of Manager Loftis Keeps Them Guessing.  
Improvements at the Local Grounds.

There was a persistent rumor in base-  
ball circles this morning that surprises  
of a startling character might be expect-  
ed within the next few days. It was in-  
timated that a further clash between the  
two major leagues might be expected un-  
less there was an understanding between  
the rivals within the next day or so. Fur-  
thermore the continued absence of Man-  
ager Tom Loftis, the new director of the  
Senatorial nine, and the presence here  
of former Manager Manning has led to  
the story gaining currency that after all  
Manning might return here to occupy his  
former position.

According to the positive statement of  
Mr. Manning to some of his most intimate  
friends this surprise is entirely without  
foundation.